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This Christmas, give the gift of music!

Joy To The World

In this season of giving it's important to remember how great a gift your used musical instrument can be for a whole school full of children. As your instrument gets passed down from one student to another for years to come it becomes the everlasting gift of music for a whole generation.

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Sennheiser Sponsors Instruments For Africa

Instruments For Africa would like to extend its appreciation to our most recent sponsor, Sennheiser Electronic GmbH & Co.

The generous financial donation we received from the German maker of high quality microphones, headphones, speakers and other musical electronics will significantly expand the size and scope of our next shipment of musical instruments and accessories to Africa. The impact this donation will have on countless students, parents and teachers truly is immeasurable.

Thank-you Sennheiser!

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BITBZambia in rehearsal, Oct. '15

The Kalomo Secondary School Concert Band, May 2014

In May, 2012 Ottawa-based music teacher and guitar player Todd Snelgrove found himself near the end of his vacation in Zambia and looking to donate his travel guitar to someone who might need it. The first school that he walked into had not a single functioning musical instrument despite having 300 students enrolled in music classes. Later that year, Instruments For Africa was born.

Instruments For Africa collects musical instruments of all kinds, stands and accessories, sheet music and instructional material from people like you. Have a trumpet or clarinet you're not using? We know some kids that would love a chance to give music a try. Everything is inspected and serviced prior to shipping so don't worry if your instrument hasn't been played in a while; if it can be made playable we'll get it to Africa.*

Our first mission was to fully outfit the Linda School in Livingstone, Zambia with an orchestra of instruments. With the support of many generous Canadians we easily surpassed our goal. In addition to delivering a full bevy of gear to the Linda School we distributed over 200 instruments amongst ten other schools across Zambia and Namibia in October, 2013. In co-operation with the RBC Bluesfest we launched an extension of their Be In The Band program in Lusaka in May, 2014 and we've sent two shipments of instruments to an organization in Democratic Republic of the Congo, expanding our reach to three countries. In October of 2015 IFA returned to Zambia for our third round of donations in the country. IFA looks to strengthen our ties with our existing partners while we look forward to expanding our reach to other needy regions.

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*In rare cases some instruments are sold or traded for instruments better suited to the needs of our project. In such cases we make every effort to contact the donor to discuss our intentions. Please be sure to include contact information with your donation.

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